

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, April 12, 2005, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman  
Doug Mood, Commissioner  
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner  
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

Votes were left open for Commissioner Molnar on all of the work sessions, except for NorthWestern Energy's work session for application for advanced approval in Docket D2005.2.14. Commissioner Molnar telephoned in on the conference telephone to listen to the discussion and give his vote.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel

(147) In the matter of Ronan Telephone Company - Docket No. D2004.2.14: On March 23, 2005, Ronan Telephone Company (RTC) filed compliance tariffs for Extended Area of Service (EAS). In this filing RTC also requested that reference to 2-Party service to be eliminated, which was not part of the EAS docket. RTC no longer has any 2-party line subscribers.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve Ronan Telephone Company's request to eliminate 2-Party Service in Docket D2005.2.14. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

(148) In the matter of Hot Springs Telephone Company - Docket No. N2005.3.43: On March 29, 2005, Hot Springs Telephone Company request approval of proposed tariffs incorporating an employee discount.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve Hot Springs Telephone Company's request to incorporate an employee discount in Docket N2005.3.43. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(149) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of April 4, 2005. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator  
Utility Division

(150) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Performance Assurance Plan (QPAP) Audit:

Commissioner Schneider moved that the Montana Commission participate in the QPAP audit and pay our share of auditing costs out of a special account. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel  
Gary Duncan

(151) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest and Reconnex, Inc. - Dockets D2004.5.85 and D2005.1.10:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the first proposed amendment to the existing interconnection agreements, adding batch hot cut and eliminating UNE-P in Docket D2004.5.85. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the second amendment to the interconnection agreement in Docket D2005.1.10 to comply with decisions in the FCC TRO order, the USTA II decision and the FCC interim rules with the exception they delete the last sentence of section 1.0 - Definitions. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the QPP agreement between Qwest and Reconnex as filed in D2005.1.5. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

(152) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Interconnection Agreement amendments between Qwest and DIECA Communications, Contact Communications, and Range Telephone Cooperative - Dockets D99.3.68, D2001.9.125 and D2002.9.114 respectively:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the Extended Enhancement Loop amendment to the Qwest/Dieca interconnection agreement as filed in D99.3.68. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the collocation amendment to the Qwest/Contac Interconnection Agreement as filed in D2001.9.125. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the amendment to the existing Qwest/Range Interconnection Agreement as filed in D2002.9.114. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan

(153) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy's application for advanced approval of certain proposed electricity power supply purchase agreements - Docket No. D2005.2.14:

Commissioner Schneider moved to grant intervention to PP&L in the Colstrip 4 portion in Docket D2005.2.14 on a conditional basis that competitor does not have access to confidential information. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schneider made a substitute motion to grant intervention to PP&L in the Colstrip 4 portion in Docket D2005.2.14. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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GREG JERGSON, Chairman

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BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

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DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

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ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, April 14, 2005, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman  
Doug Mood, Commissioner  
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner  
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

Commissioner Molnar was absent and did not leave his vote with the Commission Secretary. The vote was left open for Commissioner Molnar.

APPEARANCE  
Martin Jacobson, Mike Lee

(154) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of ETC Rules – L-04.07.5 RUL:

Commissioner Raney moved to adopt the final draft of ETC Rules before the Commission subject to minor edits and to have them sent to the Secretary of States Office for publication. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier  
Commission Secretary

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